1st February 1929]

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to communicate this question and answer to the Engineer-in-Chief, Cauvery-Mettur Project ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, Sir."

Land Revenue

Failure of crops in Palghat taluk.

* 1377-A *Q.*—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that due to the failure of the north-eastern monsoons the second crop has almost completely failed in Palghat taluk ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to make any remission of revenue on account of this failure ; and

(*c*) whether they propose to consider the question of undertaking irrigation works in the Palghat taluk or any other portion of Malabar in the immediate future ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

(*b*) Save where the second crop has been compounded for, remission is granted for its loss under the ordinary rules, and no orders of Government are required.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 909 on 29th November 1928. The position remains unchanged.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" Is the hon. Member in possession of information not given so far in respect of the failure of crops in Palghat ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have none."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" May I know why Government says, 'Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.' Is there any implication that the facts as suggested are not true ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" There is no implication except that the Government are not aware of the facts stated."

Failure of second crops in Palghat taluk.

* 1377-B *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rainfall has been very much below the normal this year in the Palghat taluk and whether the Government have received any report from the local authorities about it ;

(*b*) whether the first paddy crop in that taluk was defective and whether the second crop has completely failed ; and

(*c*) whether there are any recommendations for remission of kist, and if so, to what effect ?

A.—(*a*) The rainfall recorded at 3 rainguage stations in the Palghat taluk from June to December 1928 averaged 58 inches the normal being 78 inches. The Season Reports for December stated that in that taluk the supply of water was insufficient.